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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TADASHI HAYASHI) : Examiner: D. J. Kramer
Application No.: 10/812,878) : Group Art Unit: 3652
Filed: March 31, 2004) : Confirmation No.: 4562
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated September 7, 2007, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: